

Minutes
of the
**One Hundred Forty-Second
Annual Session
OF THE
Original Mates Creek Regular
Primitive Baptist Association**

ORGANIZED IN 1849

Held with
**The Big Creek
Primitive Baptist Church
CANADA, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
September 2, 3, and 4
1994**

Next Session Convenes with the Raccoon Church, located at Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1995.

DIRECTIONS: From Pikeville, Ky., take Route 119 N. to Zebulon, Ky. and follow signs.

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Proceedings

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association held with the Big Creek Church.

FRIDAY MORNING — September 2, 1994

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Earnest Blair.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Homer Blackburn. Text: "Let your light so shine." Brother Buddy was well blessed to preach a very uplifting sermon.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the Big Creek Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder J. C. Hager serve as Moderator Protem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Elder Earnest Blair serve as Clerk for the election of officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Association elected the following to serve for the coming year.

ELDER ROBERT WORRIX	Moderator
ELDER MICHAEL SMITH	Assistant Moderator
ELDER RANDAL THORNSBURY	Clerk
DEACON LESLIE HATFIELD	Assistant Clerk

Newly constituted churches called for: None

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution printed in the minutes. Messengers appointed last year to visit Sister Associations reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused. Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK: Elders Bob Arrington, Teddy Floyd, Fayne Viers, Henry Price Viers, Ostil Smith

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder William Littleton, Owen Blanton, Louis Howard, Leroy Gullet, Roby Gullet,, Paul B. Gullet, Jerry Brown

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Elder Billy Cook

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elder Vance Jones

MT. ZION: Elder Franklin Oresta, David Bailey

UNION: Elder Trillis Adams, Dallas Adams, Deacon Teddy Stevens, Ray Adams, Garry Adams

Visitors from Associations and various churches received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK: Brothers: Earnest Newberry, Carlos Gilbert, Sidney Tivis Deel, Sisters: Toni Viers, Ellen Yates, Pauline Arrington, Juanita E. Newberry, Elders: Don Stacy, Jerold Yates

BURNING SPRINGS: Sisters: Edna Blanton, Peggy Howard

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Brother Floyd Baker, Sisters: Myrtle Baker, Hulda Jones, Nonnie Jones

WASHINGTON ASSOC.: Brothers: Rean Shelton, Clyde Fletcher, Perry Compton, Clyde A. Griffith, Ked Stacy, Sisters: Barbara Boyd, Peggy N. Griffith, Mattie Ward, Lola M. Church, Hazel Shelton, Elders: Larry Blevins, Ben Blevins, George Combs, Danny Smith, Darrell Davis, Joe Edwards, Victor Church

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Brother Ken Presnell

UNION: Sister: Mary L. Stevans

MT. ZION: Sister Ruby Bailey

PILGRIM REST OF W. VA.: Brother Mike Mitchell

MIAMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Hesker Gillum

CEDAR GROVE OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Johnnie Duggins

ECHECONNIE OF GEORGIA: Elder Dennis Jones

WILSON CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Millard Shelton

BETHEL CHURCH: Elder Art Godfrey

MT. ENON ASSOC. OF FL.: Brothers: Hollis Albbiton, Sr., Wallace Hall, Ben Magee, Tounzel Hall, Norman L. Altman, Jr., George Thompson, Sister: Virginia Thompson, Elder Hollis Albbiton, Jr., Elder Robert Mayhorn

CUMBERLAND ASSOC.: Brothers: Terry Thacker, Barry Thacker

FISHERS RIVER ASSOC.: Sister Jo Ann Branch, Elder Willie Branch

FRIENDSHIP ASSOC.: Brother: Wayne Fleming, Lou Ellen

BIG SANDY WEST TENNESSEE ASSOC.: Elder Arnold Childress and Sister Roxine Childress

OTHER VISITORS: Goldena Thacker, Irene Moore

Called for Petitionary Letters:

Received a letter from the Washington District Primitive Baptist Association.

Moved and seconded to refer the letter to the Committee on Arrangements.

Moved and seconded that the moderator make all temporary appointments.

The moderator appointed Ernest Blair, J. C. Hager, Daris Kinder, William Dotson, Mike Scott, and Micheal Elswick on the preaching committee. They reported the following:

- A. Friday morning at Big Creek Church: Gerald Yates
- B. Friday afternoon at the stand: Bob Arrington, Larry Blevins, Frank Oresta
- C. Friday night at New Hope: Vance Jones, Hector Gilliam, Hollis Allbritton, Jr. and Art Godfrey
- D. Friday night at Coon Creek: Bob Mayhorn, Lundy Coleman, Bobby Arrington, Dennis Jones
- E. Friday night at Peter Creek: J. C. Hager, Jimmy Moore, Mike Smith, Billy Cook, Ben Blevins
- F. Friday night at Grapevine: Ernest Blair, David A. Thacker, William Littleton, Victor Church, John Jacobs, David Jacobs
- G. Saturday morning at Big Creek Stand: Jim Duty, Hector Gilliam, Hollis Allbritton, Jr., Mike Smith
- H. Saturday evening at Big Creek Stand: Willie Branch, Jerry Brown
- I. Saturday night at Calvary: Randal Thornsby, Ostil Smith, David A. Thacker, Greg Moore, Willie Branch, Jimmy Moore
- J. Saturday night at Louisa: Robby Worrix, David Jacobs, Franklin Viers, Lundy Coleman
- K. Saturday night at Old Pond: Art Godfrey, Johnny Duggins, Millard Shelton, Dennis Jones, Price Viers, Mike Smith, Paris Blackburn
- L. Saturday night at Little Union: Don Stacy, Vance Jones, J. C. Hager, Bob Mayhorn

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Ireland Adkins, Don Hatfield, David A. Thacker, Paul D. Justice, Wade Ratliff, Homer Blackburn, Walter May, Donald Justice, Millard Whitt, Ernest Blair, Edd Hunt, Andrew Hunt, Elmer Brown, Martin Childers, Lundy Coleman, Donnie Jackson, Jimmy Moore, Elbert Church.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Fonso Justice, Bradley Worrix, Jr., Everette Brizendine.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations as correspondence are as follows:

SAND LICK: John Jacobs, Fonso Justice, Jim Moore, Noah Slone

UNION: Noah Slone, Joe Slone, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Elders: Fonso Justice, Noah Slone, Robert Worrix

BURNING SPRINGS: Jim Moore, Joe Slone, Fonso Justice, Bradley Worrix

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Jim Moore, Carl Coleman, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Fonso Justice, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs

MT. ZION: Robert Worrix, Don Hatfield, Jim Moore

NEW LIBERTY: Don Hatfield, Noah Slone

Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 A.M., Saturday Morning.

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SATURDAY MORNING — September 3, 1994

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder Jim Duty.

Roll called and absents marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at Big Creek Lunch Room Shed and was called to order by the Moderator.

#1 Moved and seconded to omit the reading of the letters from the churches in our union.

#2 Recommend that Mates Creek Churches sending contributions to the church hosting the Association, send their contributions in the month of July.

#3 Recommended that the Petitionary Letter from Washington Assoc. be accepted and direct correspondence be established. Moderator appointed the following correspondence from Mates Creek: Robert Worrix, Jimmy Moore, Homer Blackburn, Mike Smith, Randal Thornsby.

#4 Recommend that Johns Creek Church host annual meeting in 1995.

#5 Recommend that Raccoon Church host association for 1995.

#6 Called for the Circular Letter which was written by Elder Randal Thornsby. Elder Randal read the letter. Accepted, moved and seconded to print the Circular Letter in the minutes. Appointed Elder Mike Smith to write the Circular Letter for 1995.

#7 Recommend that the association carry on its work on Saturday in the usual manner.

Moved and seconded that the committee's work be accepted and that they be discharged.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with Johns Creek Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1995.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

1. Song and Prayer by Elder Michael Smith
2. Elder Franklin Viers
3. Elder Bobby Mayhorn
4. Elder Robert Worrix
5. Dismissed by Elder Willie Branch

Finance Committee reported \$1,510.00 and was discharged. Called on Union Meetings appointees to report. They reported and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

Union meetings and their appointees are as follows:

LOUISA: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1995. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Kit Ratliff, Paul D. Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Rufford Howell, Jimmy L. Smith, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, David May, Owen Blanton, Randal Thornsberry, Michael Smith, and John Jacobs.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1995. Elders to attend: Mike Smith, Onis Smith, Kit Ratliff, Michael Elswick, David A. Thacker, Randal Thornsberry, Paris Blackburn, Elbert Church, Elmer Thacker, Noah Slone, Jimmy L. Smith, Walter Sullivan, Basil Hatfield, Bobby Blackburn, Don Hatfield, David May, Ernest Blair, Jim Moore, Greg Moore, Kenny Chapman. Invite David Bailey and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1995. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Ernest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, David Jacobs, Elbert Church, Walter Sullivan, Kennyt Chapman, John Jacobs, Bobby Blackburn, Paul Varney, Elmer Brown, Greg Moore, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Frank Ball, Basil Hatfield.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1995. Elders to attend: Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Elmer Brown, Clifford Thacker, David Coleman, Randal Thornsberry, Walter Coleman, Robert Worrix, David A. Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick and all other elders are invited.

PETER CREEK: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1995. Elders to attend: Jimmy Moore, Jeff Chapman, Don Hatfield, Elmer Brown, Michael Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Harrison Smith, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker. We invite Franklin Viers, Henry Price Viers, and all orderly Primitive Baptist.

SULPHUR SPRING: Meets the first Saturday in August, 1995. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Henry Price Viers, J. C. Hager, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Don Stacy, Randal Thornsberry, Ernest Blair, Everett Brizendine, Vance Jones.

LITTLE HOPE: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1995. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Jimmie L. Smith, Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Mike Elswick, David May and we invite all others to attend.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1995. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Argle Kendrick, Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, Kit Ratliff, Paul Smith, Jeff Chapman, Monroe Justice, Fonso Justice, Greg Moore, Elbert Church, Clifford Thacker, Ernest Blair, Elmer Thacker, Junior Adams, Elmer Brown, Henry Price Viers.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1995. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Walter Sullivan, Don Hatfield, Jimmie Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, J. C. Hager, Ernest Blair, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Basil Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Kenny Chapman.

LITTLE UNION: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1995. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Clifford Thacker, Kit Ratliff, Mike Smith, Paul D. Justice, Harrison Smith, David Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Buddy Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Jimmie Lee Smith, Elmer Brown, Randal Thornsberry, Robert Worrix, J. C. Hager, Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice, Rufford Howell, David Coleman, Lundy Coleman, Mike Elswick, Vance Jones, Jeff Chapman, Elmer Goff. We welcome all Mates Creek Churches and ministers.

JOHNS CREEK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 1995. Elders to attend: Fonso Justice, Jeff Chapman, Noah Slone, Jimmy Moore, Robert Worrix, Mike Smith, Larry Thornsberry, Monroe Justice, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Ernest Blair, Elbert Church, J. C. Hager, Kit Ratliff, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, John Jacobs, David Jacobs and David Thacker. All other orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are welcome.

CALVARY: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1995. Elders to attend: Don Hatfield, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman, John Jacobs, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith, Noah Slone, Quincy Stanley, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Michael Elswick, Jimmy Moore, Monroe Justice, Fonso Justice, Elbert Church, Elmer Thacker. All other orderly ministers are welcome.

DRY FORK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1995. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Elmer Thacker, Jimmie Lee Smith, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Robert Worrix, Randal Thornsberry, Jim Moore, Lawrence Jackson, Price Viers, Franklin Viers, Don Stacy, Garnell Gilbert, Ostil Smith, Jerold Yates, Bobby Arrington, Ked Stacy, Elmer Brown. *Memorial services are held at our meeting time in July (Sunday) for Martha Street Family on Baldwin Mt.

FRIENDSHIP: Meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1995. Elders to attend: Randal Thornsberry, Don Hatfield, David A. Thacker, J. C.

Hager, Ernest Blair, Robert Worrix, Basil Hatfield, Michael Elswick, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Michael Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, R. T. Thacker, Elbert Church, Owen Blanton, Kenny Chapman and all others are welcome.

COLUMBUS: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1995. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Paul D. Justice, Elmer Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Noah Slone, Johnny Jacobs, David Jacobs, David Thacker, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, Ernest Blair, Woodruff Dulin, Onis Smith, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jerry Brown, and all other Mates Creek Church ministers.

DEERFIELD: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1995. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Jim Duty, Homer Blackburn, Estle Owens, Rufford Howell, Ernest Blair, Greg Moore, David A. Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Ostil Smith, Woodruff Dulin, Onis Smith, Robert Worrix, Billy Cook, Vance Jones, Paris Blackburn, Jerry Brown, Jimmy Moore.

PLEASANT HILL: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1995. Elders to attend: J. C. Hager, Johnny Jacobs, David Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Jim Duty, Hester Gillum, Estil Owens, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Tim Brewer, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Onis Smith, Elmer Goff, Estil Hackney.

NEW HOPE: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1995. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, Basil Hatfield, Bobby Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Elbert Church, Walter Sullivan, Kenny Chapman. All Elders and members of the Mates Creek Assoc. are invited. All Elders and members of our Corresponding Associations are invited.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes and that Elder Michael Smith prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2,000 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

Brothers: R. Stearl Hatfield, Lanny Murphy, Virgal Ray Anderson, Carl Coleman, Henry Zimmerman, Jr., James Ernest Morrison, Thomas D. Hunt, Eugene Williamson, Ernest Smith, Thurman Ball, Cornie Norman, Ralph Looney.

Sisters: Denita Marie Thacker Kelker, Queenie Scott, Nancy Allen, Pauline Barton, Daisy Miller, Mable Whitt, Magaline Blevins, Minnie Keene, Alice Scott, Eliza Ratliff, Louisa Fuller, Kate Casey, Lydia Scott, Dollie H. Chapman, Stella Thacker, Jettie Kendrick, Hazel Hopkins, Faye Wolford, Laura Prater, Mary Stanley, Nancy Christine Coleman, Octavia Coleman, Alta Frances Widener, Carrie A. Coleman.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that all funds left after paying for the minutes and other expenses of the Association be left in his care until the next Association.

The Finances were dispensed as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$4,228.49
Amount received from the churches 9-3-94	1,510.00
Amount for obituaries	405.00
Donations	185.00
Total Cash on Hand	<u>\$6,328.49</u>

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for 1993 Minutes	\$1,976.94
Printing By George (Record Book)	12.92
Gave Moderator	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator	50.00
Gave Clerk	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk	50.00

Total Cash Paid Out

Balance Left on Hand

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Racoon Church of Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1995. Elder Ernest Blair was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Fonso Justice to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Henry Price Viers, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by: Robert B. Worrix, Moderator
Michael Smith, Assistant Moderator
Randal Thornsby, Clerk
Leslie Hatfield, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 4, 1994

INTRODUCTION: Song and Prayer by Elder Michael Smith.

1. Elder Franklin Viers: Brother Frank was blessed wonderfully to admonish the church to be steadfast in the doctrine of grace.
2. Elder Bobby Mayhorn: Brother Bobby was raised up in the Spirit to preach the election and regeneration of God's children.
3. Elder Robert Worrix: Text: Isaiah 55:6 — Brother Robert was blessed to describe the blessings of God and that He is able to keep what we have committed to Him.
4. Elder Willie Branch: Dismissed

CIRCULAR LETTER

Beloved fellow-laborers of the Mate's Creek Association; Since being appointed to write the letter for the One Hundred and Forty-Second annual session of our Association, I have begged the Good Lord to direct my heart in this effort.

My thoughts are that a circular letter should be to declare sound speech and good instruction to our members. Jesus taught a new commandment — That we should love one another as He had loved us. This has not changed! It is still in effect today. Such simple instruction and yet so hard to follow! I'm thankful that Jesus never left us without good teachings; nor were we ever instructed to do something that we weren't able to do. By example, our Lord and Savior endured the same hardships as we do. He walked the same rough roads as you and I. No wonder that He feels our groans and pains; and yet He never murmured nor complained! Surely, we should be able to place a hand over our mouths and not complain when we consider all that He suffered for us. Such love!

Jesus healed all manner of sickness, cast out devils, never turned a beggar away, rebuked the wind and sea, and even raised the dead for our sakes. He laid these examples for us to follow. Should not we be about our Father's business always and visit the widows and orphans, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, pray for the sick, and minister unto the needs of God's humble poor?

Have you considered This Man, Jesus, who laid aside his garments and washed the disciple's feet? Truly, an example of love and humbleness! Should we not also prefer and be good to one another; thus, holding our speech as to not offend one of God's little children?

Finally, my precious brethren, I have only touched upon a few of the many good examples that Jesus set forth for us to follow. I know from the good reports of our church meetings, that the Lord has richly blessed Mate's Creek Association and that we are at peace with each other and walking orderly. Let us pray that God will give us strength that we neither sleep nor slumber in all our duties according to the examples that Jesus set forth.

May the Grace of God be with you,
Elder Randal Thornsby

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LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Joseph Slone, Jack Coleman, Bradley Worrix, Jr. Alternate: Keen (Bud) Slone

OLD POND: Mike Scott, Clifford Hunt, Roger Scott, Don Hatfield.
Alternate: Leslie Hatfield

BIG CREEK: Mike Elswick, David A. Thacker, Orville Deskins, Luther Smith. Alternate: Randal Thornsberry

RACCOON: Fonso Justice, Richard Tucker, Allen Coleman, Dave Newsome. Alternate: Paul Dean Justice

PETER CREEK: Everett Brizendine, Wade Ratliff, Junior Casey, Daris Kender. Alternate: Stirl Smith

SULPHUR SPRING: Ronald Moore, Junior Blackburn, Paul Smith, Cecil Wolford. Alternate: Homer Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: Walter May, J. B. Ball, Bobby Blackburn, Frank Ball. Alternate: Virgil Smith

GRAPEVINE: Noah Slone, Donald Justice, Bradley Coleman, John Smith. Alternate: Gary Slone

SAMARIA: Dennis Dotson, Opa Hatfield, Larry Scott, Everett Smith. Alternate: Millard Whitt

LITTLE UNION: Ricky Blair, Douglas Lester, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney

JOHNS CREEK: Edd Hunt, Carl Coleman, Larry Coleman, Bob Coleman. Alternate: Elcanie Smith

CALVARY: Andrew Hunt, Lestle Varney, Wayne Varney, Jeff Chapman. Alternate: Glenn Vipperman

DRY FORK: Carl Vandyke, Estil Vandyke, Howell Arms, Jennings Boyd. Alternate: Elmer Brown

FRIENDSHIP: Troy Wheeler, Martin Childers, Andy Stamper, Elmer Thacker. Alternate: David May

COLUMBUS: Bobby Kennedy, Ray Dotson, Lonnie Worrix, Rufford Howell. Alternate: Gary Justice

DEERFIELD: Don Jackson, Estle Hackney, Harold Blackburn, Danny May. Alternate: Jackie Davis

PLEASANT HILL: Jim Moore, Greg Moore, Junior Barton, Gale McGuire. Alternate: Brub Dulen

NEW HOPE: William Dotson, Kenny Chapman, Walter Sullivan, Clarence Dotson. Alternate: Elbert Church

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Louisa	Robert Worrix	August 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Don Hatfield	June 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	August 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	July 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spring	Elmer Brown	August 1st Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmy L. Smith	June 4th Saturday
Little Hope	William Bobby Blackburn	July 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Kit Ratliff	July 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Michael Smith	June 3rd Saturday
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	April 2nd Saturday
Little Union	Paul Varney	May 1st Saturday
Calvary	Kit Ratliff	June 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Elmer Brown	May 2nd Saturday
Friendship	Elmer Thacker	
	David May	August 4th Saturday
Deerfield	J. C. Hager	June 4th Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Woodruff Dulin	April 3rd Saturday
New Hope	Elbert Church	May 4th Saturday

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OBITUARIES

R. STEARL HATFIELD



R. Stearl Hatfield, 89, of McCarr, Ky. died Sunday morning, November 21, 1993, in the Skilled Nursing Facility of the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital after a lingering illness.

Born October 18, 1904 at McCarr, Ky. he was the son of the late Ransom R. and Dixie Scott Hatfield. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Pearl H. and Hazel B. Blackburn and one brother, Ralph Hatfield. He was a retired furniture and appliance

dealer, attended Pikeville College, a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for 50 years and a Deacon, he was a clerk for 46 years in the Primitive Baptist Association.

Survivors include his wife, Magdalene Hatfield of McCarr, two sisters, Polly Faye Carriger of Pontiac, Mich. and Fannie H. Norman of McCarr and two brothers, Tennis Hatfield of Matewan, W. Va. and Trivette Hatfield of Lenore, W. Va. and many nieces and nephews and friends.

In Memorium

In humble submission to the will of Almighty God, to whom be all praise, honor and glory, we pen this memorial to a beloved brother whose spirit it has pleased God to call home.

R. Stearl Hatfield was born October 18, 1904, the son of Ransom R. and Dixie Scott Hatfield, who preceded him in death. Left to mourn his loss are his beloved wife, Magdalene H. Hatfield, sisters Fannie H. Norman and Polly Faye Carriger; brothers Tennis and Trivett Hatfield, several nephews and nieces whom he loved as children, and a host of other relatives and friends.

On August 1, 1943, professing his faith in Jesus Christ as his eternal Saviour, Brother Stearl submitted to the ordinance of baptism and united in fellowship with Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, where he faithfully maintained his membership until his death. He served as deacon of the Church for many years, and as clerk. He also served as clerk of the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association of Churches for 46 years.

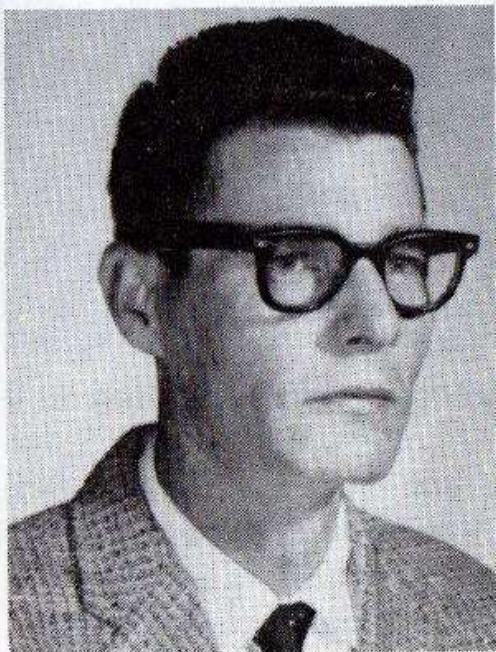
A firm believer in salvation by the free grace of God, Brother Stearl was a pillar of the Church and of the Association. His counsel was sought and highly respected amongst Primitive Baptists near and far; his greatest desire was for the peace of Zion. Though we mourn his loss, we rejoice as he did, in the glorious hope of the Resurrection in Jesus Christ, whereby these bodies shall be changed to be re-united with the spirits of just men made perfect, and so to be with the Lord forever.

May God give us the grace to be reconciled to His will in calling home the spirit of this our beloved brother; and may we ever follow his example in devotion to duty and love of the Church. As he is entered into God's rest, so let us labor on for the peace of Zion, to the praise of the Glory of God. And may we all be raised together on that glorious Resurrection day to hear the sweet words of Jesus: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

For we who remain, who loved and respected him, as we return his body to the earth, may we be blessed to say from our hearts this fervent prayer: "Even so Lord, it seemed good in Thy sight." AMEN.

Bro. Leslie D. Hatfield

CORNIE R. NORMAN



In loving memory of Cornie R. Norman who passed away October 29, 1993 at the age of 66. He was the son of Fannie Hatfield Norman and the late Oliver Norman of McCarr, Kentucky.

He was a 30-year educator, as a teacher, a principal and a superintendent in the Pike County and Boone County School Systems. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Pikeville College and a Master's Degree from Eastern Kentucky University and completed Graduate Work at Xavier University.

He was a member of the Florence Baptist Church, Florence, Kentucky and the First Baptist Church in Okeechobee, Florida. He also served in the U. S. Army during World War II.

He was married to Lois Blackburn who survives. Other survivors include a son, James O. Norman of Herndon, Virginia. His mother,

Fonnie H. Norman of McCarr, Kentucky, also three brothers and two sisters survive.

Funeral services were held at the Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, Kentucky with Elders Mike Smith and Don Hatfield officiating. He was buried in the Anderson Hatfield Family Cemetery.

He was loved and will be sadly missed by all who knew him, especially his family.

I feel that our great loss is his eternal gain.

Sadly missed by Wife, Mother and Family
Written with love by his sister, Patsy Sullivan

LANNY DALE MURPHY

The Person Within

*If the rose can be found amongst
the thorn,*

*The majestic mount, hid by fog of
morn,*

*If the sound of the sea is tucked
deep in a shell*

*Then look inside where the real
person dwells.*

*God knew we'd all be different,
some bold, some mild and meek,
And He must have had a purpose
for sweet moss beneath the tree.*

*But humans rather stand and gaze
at waterfalls with ripples,*

*Than to search within the human heart where the stream starts from a
trickle.*

*But I'm glad God knows the heart of man and the beauty that's within,
And He knows I saw the person in you, what I called MY FRIEND.*

*I constantly searched for that glimmer, and I recognized that grin,
What I loved about you most — Your person from deep down within.*



Lanny Dale Murphy, 43, of Huddy, Kentucky was the son of Audrey Murphy and the late Van Murphy. Left to mourn his passing was one son, Robert O. Murphy, and two sisters, Judy Chapman and Gayle West. We have lost a ray of sunshine in our family.

DEACON VIRGAL RAY ANDERSON

We bow in humble submission, as it has pleased God our Heavenly Father, who does all things well, to suddenly call from our midst, our beloved brother and friend, Deacon Virgal Ray Anderson.

As requested by the family, we write this obituary in memory of a dear soldier of the cross, who we feel could say with Paul the Apostle, when he said, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.



Brother Ray passed from this life on May 1, 1994, at the age of 69. He was born in Nolan, W. Va. on August 27, 1924, the son of Albert and Sarah Anderson. He married Ruby C. Prater in Pikeville, Ky. in 1945. They have lived in Fenton, Mich. for the past 40 years. He retired from Buick Motor Division after 30 years of service. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in WW II.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby, daughter Jackie and husband Brad Lemke, two grandchildren Tracy and Elisha all of Fenton, Mich.; one brother, Homer Anderson of Flint, Mich., three sisters, Lorraine Osbourne of Virginia, Mildred Stewart and Fribee Willis, both of West Virginia, many nieces and nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Alec and Denver, two sisters, Olive McCoy and Mary Hall.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 5, 1994 at Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church, with Elders J. C. Hager and Vance Jones officiating. He was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery in Linden, Mich.

Brother Ray united with Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church in 1958. In 1971, when the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church was organized in Michigan, he and his wife Ruby came as charter members. On July 24, 1971 he was ordained to the office of Deacon, where he served faithfully until his death.

Brother Ray is very much missed by his precious wife, family and his brothers and sisters at the church that he loved so much. We feel that he was a pillar in the church and he was very well known throughout many of the Primitive Baptist Churches in various parts of the

country, as he used to say, I'm going to see how my brothers and sisters are getting along. God's people always found a warm welcome in his home, and we have also been blessed to be in some wonderful meetings there.

Brother Ray was a true Primitive Baptist, an able defender of the truth, and a contender for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. He loved the church and the old time way and was always ready to help and support the church in any way that he could, always in a good humble spirit. Some of his favorite songs were No. 77 in the Gobel Book, SWEET FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD, and in the Sweet Songster Book, O THAT I HAD SOME SECRET PLACE and ONCE UPON THE HEAVING OCEAN.

We feel that our life was made much richer by knowing Brother Ray, as he was a good friend and fellow laborer in the Kingdom of God. He was a man that loved God, he loved the church, he loved his family and he lived a godly life here in this world. He is now asleep in Jesus and his spirit has returned to God who gave it. In the glorious resurrection, when the Lord shall come again, Brother Ray will awake in the likeness of the Saviour that he loved. This was his hope.

MY FRIEND RAY

I had a friend, his name is Ray, on the first day of May, God called him away.

Now Ray was a kind and gentle man, he was always ready to lend me a hand,

Many times he helped me down life's rugged way

O how I will miss my friend named Ray.

He had a wife for forty-nine years, her name is Ruby, she's left in tears.

But if my friend Ray was here he'd say, now Ruby you wipe those tears away.

My Lord came and called me home, he'll never forsake or leave you alone.

In the Ole Baptist Church Ray was a deacon, he stood like a pillar and shined as a beacon.

Salvation by grace Ray would say, why Jesus Christ he's the way.

Some day we'll meet with our friend Ray, so Ruby you wipe those tears away.

Written by Elder J. C. Hager

CARL COLEMAN

1916-1993

We will never have another friend like Daddy. Where else in all the world would we find someone who cared more about our happiness than his own. Daddy spent most of his time and energy and dreams building a better life for his family. He and Mommy always worked together to provide the best they could for their children.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coleman

Our home was always a safe haven, full of love and laughter. Daddy and Mommy taught us the love of the Lord through the example of the life they lived.

A childhood prayer was that we would see Daddy and Mommy celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. The Lord answered that prayer and blessed them to be together for fifty-six years. As she was in life, Mommy was at Daddy's bedside when he went home to meet the Lord. It is a comforting thought to think that Daddy and our brother are just beyond the stars getting things ready for his family to enter God's Holy Kingdom with them.

There are no words to describe what Daddy meant to our home. He was like a warm fire on a cold night or a bright light on the darkest night. He made you feel loved and safe and letting him go to the Lord was the hardest thing that we have ever done. Our hope is that we will all be together with him in heaven someday. We are all thankful that we had the opportunity to tell Daddy how much we loved him before he took hold of God's hand.

Daddy was the son of the late David and Sarah Coleman. Daddy went to be with the Lord August 31, 1993. He left behind his loving wife, Lesley Blackburn Coleman; three daughters, Phyllis Jean Ward, Carol Sue Chapman, and Judy Ann Cline. He was preceded in death by one son, Roger Lee Coleman. Also surviving are seven sisters and six brothers, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Daddy was a retired miner and merchant. He attended the Primitive Baptist Church. He was a World War II Army Veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6103. He was also a Kentucky Colonel.

Our home is now without a loving daddy, but his memory and the lessons he taught us are still intact and will remain forever in our hearts. Our gracious and loving God gathered a most precious flower from his garden and now Daddy will blossom forever under the cover of God's loving hands.

Sadly missed by his wife and daughters

HENRY ZIMMERMAN, JR.

This is not an obituary. This is a letter of love for my father, Henry Zimmerman Jr.

He was born December 22, 1927 and lived 66 years before he was called home.

In his time on this earth my father married his wife of 47 years, Betty Jo Fleming. Out of their love were born seven children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, which were the center of his world.

In his lifetime my father made an impression of love on every soul he ever met, and touched every heart he could. He was a man that would move mountains for those he loved, and go to the ends of the earth to bring them home.

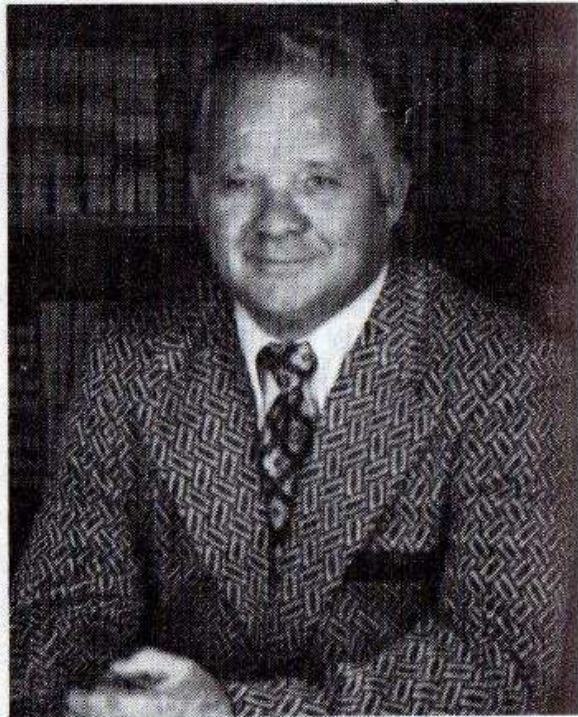
My father worked 17 years in the coal mines of Kentucky and West Virginia and 31 years as a Journeyman Electrician for IBEW 683. He worked very hard to give his family all that he could and was his happiest doing it.

He knew great joy and much sorrow throughout his 66 years, yet I never knew of him to complain or ask why? For it was God's will, and he loved his God whole heartedly.

He was a very devoted member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church which he joined in 1977, and was made Deacon in 1979. He was very proud of his church and took care of it as if it were his own home.

My father was a wise and honest man with a kind soul, which the Lord took from us on December 31, 1994. He died with a smile on his face. A smile that showed he was happy his suffering was over.

He is with his two sons, Daniel and Michael, and his Lord. We are comforted with this if nothing else, to know he is surrounded in love.



There is some sorrow and grief in his leaving us, but there is much more joy just knowing he is where we all long to be, with God.

We have our memories and they will sustain us until we feel his gentle embrace in Heaven.

We love you Daddy, you are lovingly missed by:

Your wife and children: Betty Jo. Karen, Heather and Autumn. Vicki and Bruce. Shelia. Patrick, Monica, Adam and David. Denise, John and Olivia. Linda, Randy, Debra and Steven. Also Mr. MaGoo.

Greatly loved and missed by brothers: Paul Q. and Henry J. Zimmerman and their families. Sisters: Vanurma Dotson and Laverna Owens and their families.

Preceded in death by Mother Drucie Zimmerman and Father Henry Zimmerman Sr. Brothers: Roland and Troy Zimmerman and Sons: Daniel and Micheal Zimmerman.

Written with love by daughter,
Denise Adams

He Lights The Way

*His work-worn hands were still and chilly,
Folded there across his belt;
His work upon this earth was halted
For the pains of death he'd felt.*

*An electrician 'twas his duty
To wire the lights across the span,
To light the way for those who travel
Across the bridge from land to land.*

*There's a bridge which spans a river
(... Perhaps wiring it is his job ...)
Which leads from earth to Heaven's portals,
Leading us homeward to God.*

*As we see the lights now glowing
Guiding footsteps which might stray,
We know he waits beyond the river
To welcome us across the way.*

Jay Gee

JAMES ERNEST MORRISON

NEWPORT, Wash. — James Ernest Morrison, 37, of Newport, formerly of Ransom, Ky., died Tuesday, March 8, 1994, in Newport.

Born June 1, 1956, in Columbus, Ohio, he was a son of Andrew J. and Lois Smith Morrison of Ransom, who survive.

He was a disabled U. S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors, in addition to his parents: wife, Lee Ann Morrison of Newport; daughters, Ashley Mariko Morrison and Hunter Marie Morrison of the home; sister, Janet Foster of Dayton, Ohio; brothers, Jackie Morrison of Dunsmuir, Calif.; John Morrison of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, and Robert Morrison of Ransom.

Funeral: 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 1994, at Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, Ransom, with Elder Michael Smith and others officiating.

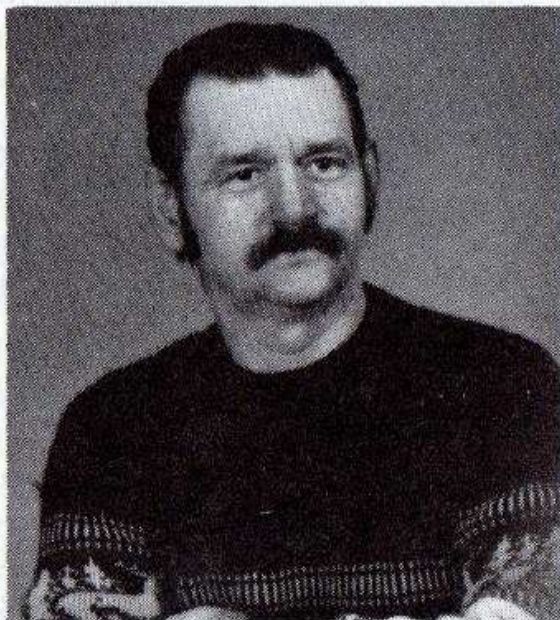
Burial: Smith Cemetery, Ransom.

Visitation: After 5 p.m. tonight at Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, with special services at 7 p.m.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, Ky.

THOMAS D. HUNT

With a sad and lonely heart I try to write the obituary of my loving son, the late Thomas D. Hunt of Virginia. He was born October 22, 1948 to the late Thomas Hunt and Ethel Thornsburry Hunt Coleman of Kimper, Ky. He deceased from this life on December 28, 1993, making his stay on earth forty-six years, two months, six days. He was born at Virginia. He was married to Carrie Sue Slone of Vinton, Ohio. To this union was born one son, Luther Dewey Hunt, and one daughter, Fayettea Hunt, both of Vinton, Ohio. He was married to his second wife, Bobbie May Smith Stevens Hunt of Virginia for fourteen months. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Ohio where he lived part of his life. He had four brothers and one sister, a host of friends to mourn his loss. We hope and pray to meet him some sweet day.



Written by his mother,
Ethel Hunt Coleman

EUGENE WILLIAMSON

Eugene Williamson, 70 years of age, of Toler, Ky., passed away January 10, 1994 at his home.

He was born April 15, 1923 in Pike County at Fishtrap, Ky. He was a son of James Williamson, Jr. and Alvarah (Allie) Thacker Williamson. He had been a resident of Toler for approximately 40 years.

He was a former truck driver and owner of Williamson Radio and Television Service. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dale Williamson.

Eugene has gone from this life. We miss him so he will live and be forever in our hearts and in our minds. His pain and suffering is over.

Eugene's Family

ERNEST SMITH

Ernest Wilbur Smith, 76, of Phelps, died at 9:57 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 1994, at his home.

He was born in Keystone, W. Va., June 7, 1917, a son of the late Richard David and Daisy Ellen Smith.

He was a retired coal miner, a member of the United Mine Workers of America Local #8588, a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Phelps, and a World War II veteran.

He was preceded in death by one son, Donald Leonard Smith, who died in 1946.



He is survived by his wife, Maggie Ruth Hackney Smith; five sons, Ernest Darrell Smith, Edward Farrell Smith, Arlin James "Sonny" Smith, and Gary David Smith, all of Phelps, Barry Bruce Smith of Belews Creek, N.C.; one daughter, Dixie Lee Fabner of Pickerington, Ohio; three brothers, Alvis Lee Smith and Bobby Smith, both of Phelps, Paul Clayton Smith of McCarr; two sisters, Ruby Hatfield of Phelps, Carol Joyce Berry of Johnstown, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at noon, Monday, March 7, in the Phelps Funeral Home Chapel, with Elder Jimmy Lee Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Richard Smith Cemetery at Phelps. Arrangements are under direction of Phelps Funeral Home of Phelps.

THURMAN BALL

This is the hardest thing for me to do is to write this obituary of my son, Thurman Ball, who passed away January 14, 1994. He was 44 years old. He was born October 31, 1949.

He was survived by his ex-wife, Emelye West Ball; two sons, Thurman Michael Ball and Eric Brent Ball of Salt Lick, Ky.; one daughter, Michelle Lynn (Ball) Lester; two grandchildren, Derrick Casey Lester, Katilyn Nicole Lester. Also survived by his parents, Luther and Leola Ball of Pinsonfork, Ky.; one sister, Clarica Sue Ball of Pinsonfork; one brother, Danny Ray Ball of Plain City, Ohio. He was of the Baptist faith. He was the grandson of the late Bob and Luna Ball.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam War. He was in Germany over the U.S. Missiles. He served in Germany from October 1969 until February 1971. He is sadly missed by a host of friends and relatives and his family. Not a day passes by that we don't mourn his death. He was Spec. 5.

His parents, Luther and Leola Ball



RALPH LOONEY



Ralph Looney, son of John and Sarah Looney, was born August 11, 1930 and departed this life on December 16, 1992; making his stay on earth 62 years, 4 months and 5 days. Ralph leaves behind one son and two grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers. He is greatly missed by all of those who loved him. Sleep on, dearest one, for our hope is that we will meet you again in the land where we'll never grow old.

Written by:

His son, sisters and brothers

DENITA MARIE THACKER KELKER

Once again, our Lord has made us to realize that He is all wise, all powerful, and holds our very being in His hands. It certainly was not our will to give up this precious child; however, on September 4th, when God called, Denita did answer. Denita was blessed with a smile and a sparkle in her eye that will long be remembered by many, especially by her husband, David Samuel Kelker, her precious parents, Garry and Wanda Thacker; one brother, Joey Neal



Thacker, and two sisters, Carolyn Matney and Mariruth Thacker. God had blessed Denita to have the gift of grandparents: The late J. B. Thacker, Stanley and Juanita Jarusik, Mary Stanley, Ostil Smith and the late Deaton May. Also, recently God saw fit to add a nephew to her family circle, Christopher Michael Matney.

In our human nature, it is beyond our knowledge to understand why God chose someone so young in life. To us, she was but a tender flower — yet to bloom. But to God, who knows all things and makes no mistakes, she was a perfect bud — a beauty for His Garden. No wonder Solomon said, “My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.” Our prayers are that the true and living Rose of Sharon would comfort those who grieve and to bless them with sweet memories of Denita to linger softly on their mind like the fragrance of the rose in winter season after summer has outstretched us and gone.

We, thy people, and sheep of thy pasture, will give thee thanks always for this sister and with patience, we do wait for the promise to reunite — where the bud becomes a rose.

QUEENIE SCOTT

It's with a sad heart, I try to write the obituary of my mother, Queenie Scott. She was born August 6, 1930 in Logan County, W. Va., the daughter of the late J. B. Willis and the late Lula Coleman Willis. She went home to be with the Lord June 24, 1994.



Queenie Scott

Queenie was married to Sterl Scott. To this marriage, God blessed them with seven children: three sons - Richard Scott of Shelby, N. C., Roger Scott of Ransom, Ky., and Timmy Scott of Williamson, W. Va.; four daughters, Kathy Marcum of Rutland, Ohio; Sharon Lucas of Lenore, W. Va.; Cindy Reed of Turkey Creek, Ky., and Angela Daniels of Williamson, W. Va. She was also blessed with 12 wonderful grandchildren that she loved very much.

Queenie had a half-sister, Helena Hilton of Phoenix, Ariz., and a half-

brother, Billy Ray Hilton of Baltimore, Md.

Mom truly loved the Lord. She was always telling her family to stay in church and put God first in your life. She wanted most in life to see her children saved and serving the Lord. She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church where she loved to attend and worship and praise the Lord.

She was placed to rest at the Alley Cemetery at Ransom, ky.

Our loss is Heaven's gain. We'll see you soon, Mom. Thanks for the witness you left us to follow.

Written by Daughter, Sharon Lucas

NANCY ALLEN

It is with a sad heart that we try to write the obituary of our beloved sister-in-law and aunt, Nancy Allen of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Pike County. Nancy died November 21, 1986 at the Riverside Hospital in Columbus.

She was born in Pike County, February 4, 1894, to Kinzie B. and Matilda Ramey Morris, making her stay here on earth 92 years, 9 months and 17 days. She was a homemaker and a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church for many years.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie (Bill) Allen and two sons, Raymond and Roy Morris.

She is survived by two sons, Eugene Allen of Phyllis and Jennings Allen of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters, Lawuna Gannon and Zenna Blackburn, both of Columbus, Ohio. Also surviving her are 28 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; one brother, Victor Morris of Columbus, Ohio; three sisters, Jettie Collins (deceased November 1988), Lealer Maynard (deceased), and Louise Hall (deceased May 1994). Also preceding her in death: three brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, November 24, 1986 at the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church with Lundy Coleman and Paul Dean Justice officiating. Burial followed in the Morris Cemetery at Raccoon. Arrangements were under the direction of the Justice Funeral Home.

She is now resting in peace until our Lord comes for her for we hope and trust that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her sister-in-law,
Betty Morris and Niece Lois Anderson

PAULINE (MULLINS) BARTON



It is with sorrow I try to write this for the family. It was a request by Mom in a letter to the family that I do so. I pray for the good Lord to guide my weak mind. She was a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandma. After seeing her with her grandkids, I see why grand was put in grandma. She was and still is a grand woman to us that are left behind. She was united with Junior Barton on September 11, 1958. To this union was born three wonderful girls — Phyllis and Greg Moore of Galloway, Ohio; Carolyn and Corky Compton of Fairborn, Ohio; and Debra and Gerry King of Columbus, Ohio. She is survived by her loving husband, Elder Junior Barton of Dayton, Ohio; four sisters, Thelma Dalton, Evelyn Fleming, Garnett Robinson, Fannie Taylor, and one brother, Jimmy Mullins and one half-brother, Virgil Mullins; five grandchildren, Peggie, Corky, Mandy, Rachel and Katy. She and

Dad united with the Pleasant Hill Church on September 22, 1974. She was always a faithful member and pillar to the church. She has left behind a great host of friends. She loved the church and the members of it. Most of all she loved her Lord above all. She was born July 29, 1943 making her stay by the grace of God 50 years. If a man was ever blessed by the grace and love of God with two mothers, it was I. I feel that winter has fallen on this lily of the valley. But thank God, spring is coming. When she and all the children of God will rise to bloom forever. When our God will come to gather up his elect people he died for. During her sickness she had Dad read her these scriptures: Psalm 40, verses 1, 2, 3. I tried to think of the words to comfort the family but I seem to draw a blank. But they are like she — in the hands of a merciful God. The grandkids loved her so very much. My prayer is the God of all grace will not only comfort them, but turn their tears of sorrow into tears of joy. She is at rest now. May the Lord keep and comfort the family is my prayer.

By the request of the family
Your Brother in Christ I hope,
Son-In-Law Greg Moore

Miss Me - But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little but not too long, and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that was once shared — miss me - but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we must all take
And each of us must go alone with God.
It is all a part of the master's plan, a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss me - but let me go.*

Author Unknown

DAISY (COLEMAN) MILLER

It is with much sadness that we write the obituary of our beloved sister and mother, Daisy (Coleman) Miller. She was born February 7, 1941 and taken from us on March 22, 1994, making her stay here on earth 53 years, one month and 15 days. She was the daughter of Elder Paris Coleman and Missouri Coleman. She was preceded in death by her father and mother; one son, and three brothers: Arvil Ace Coleman, Frank Coleman and Don Coleman; two half-brothers, Harvey Coleman and Ralph Coleman. She was united in marriage to

Paul Jennings Miller on January 31, 1959. To this union was born six children - three sons: Gregory Paul Miller who preceded her in death; she is survived by her husband, Paul Jennings Miller of Steele, Ky.; two sons: Terry Lee Miller of Raceland, Ky., and Tony Carl Miller of Steele, Ky.; three daughters: Vickie Diane (Miller) Stump of Hickory, NC; Brenda (Miller) Mullins of Williamson, W.Va., and Pauletta Jean (Miller) Stanely of Steele, Ky. She is also survived by four brothers, Aronld Wayne Coleman of Elyria, Ohio; Larry Coleman, Carl Junior Coleman of Kimper, Ky., and Plennie Coleman of Canada, Ky.; two sisters, Mrs. Gracie Newton of Sidney, Ky., and Mrs. Faye Jackson of Ocala, Florida, and six grandchildren: Vickie Lynn Stump, Norma Jean Stump, Gregory Paul Stump, Brittany Hope Miller, Joshua Lee Miller, and Daisy Faye Brooke Stanley; one great-granddaughter, Santana Nicole Henderson, and a host of relatives and friends, to mourn their loss.



Daisy Coleman Miller

Daisy will be dearly missed by all who knew her, but we feel our loss is her heaven's gain.

Written by: Her Family
& Her Brother, Larry Coleman

MABLE WHITT



With heavy heart I write the obituary of my beloved aunt, Mable Whitt. She was born February 3, 1911 at Bornshee, Ky., to Thomas and Debbie (Mount's) Whitt. She was a member of Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Ky. Later she moved to Col., Ohio where she lived with her sister and nephew. After moving to Columbus, she had her membership transferred to Columbus Church and attended as much as she could. Later illness forced her to enter St. Rita's Nurs-

ing Home where she was living at the time of her death on May 7, 1994.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and two brothers. She is survived by one brother, Ver Whitt.

She was 83 years old when God called her home.

Sadly missed by all

Written by nephew, Julius Jackson

MAGALINE BLEVINS

With much sadness and with the help of God, I will attempt to write the obituary of my loving wife, Magaline Blevins.

Magaline was born in Floyd County, Kentucky, October 7, 1932, and died in Ashtabula, Ohio May 25, 1994, making her stay on earth 61 years.

Magaline was married to Hershel Blevins and to this union was born five children. Survivors include her husband, Hershel; four sons, James, Burchel, Clyde, and Hershel Jr., all of Ashtabula; one daughter, Clounia of Ashtabula; one sister, Surilda Hall of Ashtabula; one brother, Pearl Hall, of Ashtabula, and three grandchildren.

Magaline was a homemaker, and a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. She loved her church very much and she will be missed by the church.

Funeral services were at Patti Lakeside Funeral Home, Ashtabula, Ohio, with Elder Lundy Coleman officiating.

Magaline is gone from our home and she is missed so much by me and the family, and everyone that knew her.

I live in hope that one day I will meet her in the midway air to go home to never be parted again.

Written by husband, Hershel Blevins



MINNIE KEENE

Minnie (Varney) Keene of Phyllis, passed away Friday, March 13, 1992 at her residence at the age of 76.

She was born in Pike County September 20, 1915, to the late John and Lumie (Smith) Varney. She was the wife of the late Dewey Keene,



Minnie Keene

who passed away May 17, 1966. She was a homemaker and a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church.

Included among Minnie's survivors is the following: seven sons, John Howard Keene of Roseville, Mich.; Berkley Keene of Ferndale, Mich.; Elster Roger Keene of Eastpoint, Florida, and Donnie Joe Keene, Robert Lee Keene and Gary R. Keene and Jerry W. Keene, all of Phyllis; three daughters, Shirley Mae Anderson and Betty Lou Adkins, both of Phyllis, and Patricia Carol Thompson of Feds Creek; one step-son, Dewey Taylor, Jr. of Texas, and two half-sisters, Columbia Lumie Sweeney of Michigan, and Nettie Scott of Huntington, W. Va.

Also included among Minnie's survivors are 37 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and a host of other beloved relatives and friends who will regretfully mourn her passing. Her memory will always remain in the hearts and minds of each and every one that knew her.

Submitted by the members of
Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church

In loving memory of our loving mom, Minnie Keene

*God looked around his garden, and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth, and saw Mom's tired face.
He put his arms around her and lifted her to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.
He knew she was in pain, he knew that she would never
get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed her weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose her but she didn't go alone
For part of us went with Mom the day God called her home.*

ALICE BRACKETT SCOTT

1898-1993

In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Alice Brackett Scott, who left this world to be with her Lord on October 7, 1993 at the age of 95. She was the daughter of Henry Holcomb and Rachel Caudil Holcomb. She was not only preceded in death by her parents but also by her first husband, H. A. Brackett and her second husband, Ransom

Scott. Her eldest son, Jack Brackett, and an infant daughter, Helen Marie, passed away before their mother, also.

Alice was a housewife and a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. Due to a relocation to Louisville, KY, some years back she was not able to attend services on a regular basis; but did manage, however, to attend during visits back home with friends, loved ones, and members of the congregation for as long as she was able.

She is survived by a son, Charles G. Brackett, Milltown, IN; daughters, Cleo Hatfield, Hardy, KY; Gladys Fultz and Alma Rumsey, Louisville, KY; Robertine Hall, Jeffersontown, KY; Rachel Stephens, Georgetown, IN; Anne Lange, Lebon, OH; sister, Carrie Hollins, Fort Wayne, IN; 21 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren, variously located.

Alice was laid to rest at the Hatfield Cemetery at Hardy, KY and is sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. Her children, grandchildren and family know that while she is no longer with them here on earth, that now she will be in a land where there is no more sadness, no crying, no pain, no loss, for by God's infinite mercy, she will rest in peace in His Amazing Grace.

Sadly missed by: Her children, grandchildren, and friends.

OUR LOSS IS HEAVEN'S GAIN

We love you, "Mom"!

Written by her great-granddaughter, Sherri Mounts

ELIZA CHARLES RATLIFF



Eliza Charles Ratliff, age 93 years and seven months, was born on March 4, 1899 and passed away October 21, 1992. Born at Raccoon Creek, Kentucky, she was the daughter of Jack and Mary Kendricks Charles. She was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church which was an important part of her life. She loved her brothers and sisters in Christ and spoke of them often.

In 1923 she married Frank Oney, who preceded her in death, and to this union three children were born: two daughters, Scharlene Spencer and Juanita McCoy and one son, Jack Oney, who also preceded her in death.

In 1933 she married Harve Chapman and to this union one daughter was born, Lelia Shires. With his death, she was left with four children to raise alone. It became necessary for her to do domestic work for many years to support her family. She later became a cook at the Road Fork Grade School Cafeteria and continued to work there for seventeen years.

Later in her life she married Lewis Elswick who was a deacon in the Big Creek Church. His death occurred in 1959. In 1966, she married Tom Ratliff and he died in 1968. She also leaves behind 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

One of the fondest memories of my mother was watching her quilt. She was always making them to give as gifts to family members and friends and this was a hobby that she enjoyed until her death. These quilts are cherished treasures to the family and her memory lingers each time we look at them. I miss my mother but feel we will meet again.

Written by her daughter,
JUANITA McCOY

LOUISA FULLER

Louisa Fuller, 98, of Ransom, Kentucky, died Thursday, May 26, 1994, in the Williamson Memorial Hospital.

She was born October 5, 1895, in Pike County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late George and Rena Hackney Fuller. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Matilda New, Florence Fuller, Mary Dotson and Roxie Coleman and one brother, Roy Fuller.

She was a homemaker and of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Louisa is survived by nieces and nephews: Elmer Coleman of Freeburn, Kentucky, Sue New and Clifford New of Hazard, Kentucky, Phyllis Jean Daugherty of Freeburn, Kentucky and John Coleman of Lebanon, Tenn. and several other nieces and nephews.

KATIE DOTSON CASEY **April 15, 1909 - April 9, 1994**

Dear family, friends and loved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father. Once again that Heavenly Call has sounded, it was time for another angelic voice to sing in the courts of Glory. This call was answered by a precious mother, a loved one, and a friend to all who knew her.

Sister Katie Dotson Casey passed away on Saturday morning, April 9, 1994. At the time of her passing she was making her home with her daughter in West Middleton, Indiana. Katie was the daughter of the late James and Lear Dotson of Pike County, Kentucky. She was born April

15, 1909, making her stay on earth 84 years, 11 months and 24 days. She was the youngest of nine children, all of them having preceded her in death.

Katie was married to Ralph Casey in February in 1926. He preceded her in death in 1979. One daughter-in-law and one son-in-law also preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters and three sons-in-law, Billie & Bill Farley of Dayton, Ohio; Joann & Vernon Napier of Waynesville, Ohio; Janice & Jim Eldridge of West Middleton, Indiana, and one son, Jack Casey of Dayton, Ohio. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She leaves a great host of friends who mourn her passing.



Katie Dotson Casey

She faithfully attended the Primitive Baptist Church all her life. She enjoyed hearing the story of the saving Grace of God and the eternal salvation of His people. She did more than her share in helping the church in any way she could. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

"Sleep on now, Sister Casey, you have found the Peace and rest you have looked forward to these many years. We do not say good-bye, only so-long for awhile. Some day our call shall come and we too will answer. We hope to see you on the Sunny Banks of Sweet Deliverance, never to separate any more."

Written by Elder Arnold O. Thompson

LYDIA FARLEY SCOTT

Lydia Farley Scott, 92 years of age, passed away Friday, June 24, 1994 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital at South Williamson, Ky.

Lydia was the daughter of the late James H. and Lydia Stafford Farley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elbert Scott, two (2) sons, Irvine Scott and Charles E. Scott, Sr. of Hardy, Ky.

She is survived by one daughter,



Margaret Wiedel of Maryland, 12 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Lydia lived most of her life at Hardy, Ky. and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Sadly missed but lovingly remembered,
Charles E. Scott, Jr. and Family

MRS. DOLLIE HONAKER CHAPMAN



It is with great sadness that I try to write an obituary of our dear mother. She was born May 4, 1905, and departed from this life November 12, 1993, making her stay on this earth 88 years, six months and eight days. She was the daughter of James and Alice Honaker. She was the mother of ten children. Her husband and two infant sons preceded her in death, leaving four sons, four daughters, one step-son, three sisters, one half-sister, 23 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She was a faithful member

about 40 years and attended church as much as she was able.

We think our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her children

STELLA THACKER

With a heavy heart and a lively hope in Jesus, I will write the obituary of my mother-in-law, mom, grandma and most of all, my sister in Christ.

Stella was born November 21, 1896 in Pike County. She died March



10, 1994 at her granddaughter's home, Mary Ellen West of Canada, Kentucky. Stella was the daughter of the late Roland T. and Vicie Collins Smith and the wife of Landon Thacker who preceded her in death. She also had five sons who preceded her in death, Bobby, Billy, Sammy Bruce, Tunis and Floyd B. Thacker. She was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church for many years. She was a faithful

member who filled her seat in the front corner of the church as long as she was able. She knew that was her duty and she loved to sing the old hymns.

She is survived by six sons and three daughters: Elmer, Roland T., Jack, Edgar, Sonny Thacker and Fred Smith, Goldie Williamson, Lena Biesecker and Barbara A. Leedy. She is also survived by thirty grandchildren, fifty-seven great-grandchildren and seventeen great-great-grandchildren who all miss her very, very much. I feel her love and kindness that she always showed to everyone will never be forgotten. Thanks be to God our Heavenly Father, we know where her body is and we know where her spirit is. I know I will live with my hope and my faith of meeting her in heaven some day. God's flower, she bloomed and was cut down and faded away, but "Praise the Lord", she will bloom most glorious on that resurrection morning when Jesus returns for His family which He bought and paid for on Calvary's Cross with His precious blood. Amen.

Written by her daughter-in-law and
sister in Christ: Beatrice Thacker

JETTIE KENDRICK

Jettie Kendrick, 109 Ivy Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501, was born January 31, 1917 and passed away October 24, 1993 making her stay here on earth 76 years and 10 months.

She was the daughter of Basil and Malinda Justice Kendrick. She was preceded in death by her husband, Nathaniel Kendrick October 20, 1988; two sons, William R. Kendrick January 17, 1971, and George Kendrick January 31, 1989.

She is survived by five daughters and two sons: Linda Luster of Island Cr., Cindy Slone and Martha Gannon of Raccoon, Ky.; Stella Marcum, Jackie Kendrick and Lawrence Kendrick all of Upper Chloe and Bobby Kendrick of Owsley.

Mom was a homemaker and a member of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. She was gentle, kind and sweet and worked hard to keep her family happy and neat.

As time went by her hair turned gray and she became sick and so weak. Then she had this awful stroke.



From this point on Mom couldn't go to church. Every Sunday, I watched the tears and pain in her eyes. She wanted so much to be there. Her children were all very good to come and see her, she loved them all so dearly.

Many of her relatives would come and visit with her and she was very happy to see them all. But I knew her all too well. I could see the pain she felt for the want of her church.

Mom loved her church so much that she went even when she didn't feel up to it. She would be in so much pain that she would have to grit her teeth to keep from screaming out loud. And if you saw a frown on her face it wasn't from anything that anyone said, she was just in a lot of pain, but she loved her church so much that she stood the pain in order to be there.

She was grateful for Argle, who would often visit and sing and preach for her. She was also grateful for Paul Dean, who came to visit with her and took time to sing and preach for her.

Mom's love was very strong even in the last week of her life, even after she had another stroke that paralyzed one side and took away her speech, she was still able to love us. She would give us that wonderful smile and squeeze our hand, just her way of letting us know that she knew and loved us all.

Mom is missed very much, there is never a day or ever will be that we don't think of her. But, we thank God for the part of her that we can keep, the part where she taught us to be strong, and to love and be kind to all.

Mom's spirit has gone to be with Jesus and when he comes back on His cloud, her body will reunite with her spirit and she will be in the greatest home of all.

So, Friends, don't let friends die alone. Give them the smiles and visits while they live. Giving can bring as much happiness as receiving.

Written by her daughter,
Jacqueline Kendrick

HAZEL COLEMAN JUSTICE HOPKINS

With sad and broken hearts, we will attempt to write an obituary of our beloved mother.

Hazel (Coleman) Justice Hopkins was born April 9, 1930, to the late Oliver Tivis and Lucy Jane Coleman, and passed away August 14, 1994, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home, making her stay on earth 64 years, four months and five days. Mother married the late Jerry Calvin Justice on August 5, 1949. To this union were born three children,

Brenda C. Stanley of Turkey Creek, Jerry D. Justice of Greasy Creek, and Paul David Justice of Booker Fork.



Hazel Hopkins

Riley Coleman, Johnie Coleman, Dave Coleman and Oliver Coleman, Jr.

Mother endured many troubles in this life. She was diagnosed with cancer in early 1993. Even though Mother had much sickness in this life, she always put her trust in the Lord. On March 6, 1985, she gave her hand to the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized August 2, 1994.

Mother lived a good christian life, but was never completely satisfied until her baptism.

Mother was an inspiration to her children and grandchildren. She was always willing to listen to our troubles and always gave us good sound advice.

She loved all of us dearly. She will be greatly missed by family and friends, but we feel Mother's suffering is over and that she has moved to a new home where the streets are paved in gold. Until we meet again, Mother, your memory will be with us and your Love will continue in our hearts.

Written by Paul and Joyce Justice

ALPHA FAYE WOLFORD

Faye Wolford of Hurley, Virginia, departed this life on July 3, 1994. She was born in Buchanan County, the daughter of the late Harvey and Elsie Blankenship Matney. Faye was born on December 14, 1950, making her stay on this earth only forty-four years.

Faye was a homemaker and a member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Cecil E. Wolford of Hurley, Virginia and one son, Eddie P. Wolford, also of Hurley, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by one son, Cecil E. Wolford, Jr., and one brother, James Matney.

She is also survived by eight brothers and sisters: Teddy Matney of Grundy, Virginia; Johnny Matney of Grundy, Virginia; Harvey Junior Matney of Grundy, Virginia; Ruby Mullins of Swords Creek, Virginia; Wortha Crawford of Cedar Bluff, Virginia; Kathleen Wade of Bellbuckle, Tennessee; Ernest Matney of Belfast, Virginia, and Henry Matney of Abingdon, Virginia.

Faye is missed and loved dearly by all her family and friends. We will always remember her.

The Wolford and Matney Families



Alpha Faye Wolford

LAURA PRATER



With the help of our Lord and with much love, I will try to write the obituary of Laura Thacker Prater.

She was born in Pike County June 9, 1920, the daughter of the late David and Rosa (Harris) Thacker. Passed this life November 13, 1993 at the home of her daughter, Lorene Smith.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church since 1972.

She was preceded in death by one son, Nobel Prater, and three daughters, Imogene Prater, Tammy Prater, and Belmagean Prater.

She is survived by six sons, Palmer Prater, Keathly (Johnny) Prater, Timmy Prater of Shelbyana, Ky.; Kenneth Jack Prater and Allen Waco of Florida, and Willis Prater of South Carolina; three daughters, Lorene Smith and Kathy Hopkins of Millard, KY, and Rebel Robinson of Indiana, and 26 grandchildren; one sister, Ethel Thacker of Shelbyana, Ky.

Many loved ones to mourn her passing, but she is a beautiful flower in the Master's Bouquet.

I hope by the grace of God that we will meet her again some sweet day.

Written by her Special Friend and Sister in Christ, I hope,
Gloria Justice

MARY ELIZABETH STANLEY

In Loving Memory of Mary Elizabeth Stanley. She was born November 30, 1909, and she died March 3, 1994. She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. Mom, our life is so empty without you.

Mom, our love for each other was so special Jesus prepared for us a mansion and yours was ready before ours. We know it won't be long until ours is ready also that we may spend eternity with you. We love you.

Forever loved and sadly missed by
children and grandchildren and
sister, Josie Mooney



OCTAVIE "TAVIE" COLEMAN



It is with a sad and tearful heart that we try to write the obituary of our loved mother, sister and friend, Octavie Wagner Coleman. After nine months our loss remains very deep and painful. There are no words that can adequately describe our feelings of loss.

Mom was born March 31, 1928 at Coleman, Ky., the daughter of the late Raymond and Jane Coleman Wagner. She was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church for 22 years. She went to be with Jesus November 11, 1993 making her stay here on earth 65 years, seven months and 11 days.

On May 16, 1942 she was united in marriage to Elsie Coleman. To this union God blessed nine children; one son, Roger Lee, preceded her in death in 1956, then Dad in 1986. We feel that Mom has gone to Jesus to join those gone before her whom she missed very much.

She leaves to mourn her passing and to miss her as the center of our family five sons, Robert Lee, Floyd, L. C., Raymond and Larry; three daughters, Mildred Spears, Patty Hamby and Tammy Robinette; three brothers, Kenny, Raymond and John Wagner; four sisters, Alice Sawyers, Juanita Datson, Betty Allen and Febra Johnson; daughters and sons-in-law, Glenna and Jenny Coleman, Ronnie Spears, Gerald Robinette and Lonnie Hamby; fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister also preceded her in death.

Mom was ill for sometime and unable to attend the church she loved. At the end she welcomed death and God blessed her by leading her into it without fear and with the knowledge that she was dearly loved.

We all have spent many a dark day since the passing of our loved ones. We pray they are resting peacefully in Jesus' arms and that we may be reunited one great day.

We love and miss you, Mommy.

Written by her son and daughter,
Floyd and Patty

NANCY CHRISTINE COLEMAN



With a sad heart I will try to write about our mother.

Nancy Christine Coleman was born January 5, 1937 on Raccoon Creek and was called to Heaven far too soon at the age of 57, May 18, 1994.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Homer Coleman; six children: three sons, Roger Dale Coleman, Robert Lee Coleman of Raccoon; three daughters, Anna Lou Collins of North Carolina; Evelyn Carol Spears of Raccoon; Emma

Sue Coleman of Kansas; one step-brother, Glenn Coleman of Raccoon, and scores of friends and neighbors who loved her and will mourn her passing.

The circle for our family is now broken. Mother is sitting at Jesus's feet, free from pain. We miss her everyday and a part of her still lives in the hearts of her children whom she loved and lived for.

We love you, Mom. You are greatly missed.

Written by
All the Children

ALTA FRANCES BREEDING WIDENER

Alta Frances (Breeding) Widener was born November 24, 1904. She died in her sleep February 8, 1994, making her almost 90 years of age. Born at Davenport, Va., she was the daughter of George and Emily (Cook) Breeding.



She married Charles Emory Widener June 14th, 1924. They had six children: Eleanor Looney, Shirley Crump, Charles Emory Widener, Jr., Donald E. Widener, Jeannine Schmidt and William G. Widener. She had 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Her husband and son William preceded her in death.

She became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Michigan. After the death of her husband she moved to Vansant, Va. near the home of her daughter, Eleanor Looney. She transferred her membership by letter to the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church in 1981. My mother was a lady in every sense of the word. She loved to go to church and she loved her family and friends. When she became bedfast she was so patient and understanding. But I feel she got her dearest wish when God called her home. Proverbs chapter 31 really describes my mother and verse 29 sums it all up, "Many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all."

Written by her daughter, Eleanor (Widener) Looney

CARRIE A. COLEMAN

With Loving Memories:



Our dear mother, Carrie Adkins Coleman, was born September 9, 1905, and whom the Lord called home on October 16, 1993, was the daughter of the late William Hayes and Martha Justice Adkins.

She married Riley A. Coleman on November 25, 1924 and he preceded her in death on September 26, 1967. They were blessed with eleven children who survive: seven daughters - Vernelia (Nellie) Phillips of Pikeville, Jeleonor Stewart, Hula Looney and Lois Bogar, all of

the Millard area; Martha Ward, Mary Smith and Wanda Mays of Louisville, Ky.; four sons - Riley Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio; Dennis of Louisville, Ky.; Lomar of Hannibal, Mo., and Gary of Camden, Tennessee; twenty-two grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren, two sisters, Mercy Thacker and Mary Ann Coleman. Her parents, four brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Mom and Dad were united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church and were baptized on September 14, 1958. They loved the Lord and the church and were faithful until their deaths. We feel they left a good testimony of their faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and feel that our loss is their eternal gain.

Mom is missed so much by her children and we would like to say:

A face we loved to see is gone, a voice we loved is stilled

But beautiful memories is a gift from God, that never will depart.

The great love we always had for her is still here in our hearts

*We know God had a reason for taking her from us, but we thank Him
for eighty-eight wonderful years.*

She is now in Heaven with Daddy in that happy home above.

They say time heals all sadness and helps one to forget

But so far time has only proved how much we miss her yet.

Written by her children

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

5. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper Decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, and (if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly), shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and those monies

thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.

13. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive compensation for his trouble.

14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

15. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

16. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

17. We welcome any and all orderly and peace-loving Primitive Baptist to visit with us.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true living God, who is the Creator, upholder, and righteous disposer of all things; and that He is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and life of His body, the church from everlasting.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is and was and shall forever remain His body and fullness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

4. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature, and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

5. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

6. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

7. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and the unjust, and the happiness of the righteous shall be eternal, and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot washing as an example.

10. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as he can to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother".

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.

11. Names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.

12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall give the casting vote.

13. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

ORDINATION OF AN ELDER OR DEACON

(Work of Presbytery)

1st Organized by choosing Moderator and Clerk.

2nd Select one to question candidate.

3rd Select one to make prayer.

4th Select one to give charge.

5th Call for candidate from spokesman for church.

6th Examine candidate. Any one of Prebytery has right to ask questions if he desires.

7th If candidate is found satisfactory, then proceed with prayer and laying on of hands.

8th Charge is now delivered.

9th Candidate is now returned to the spokesman for the church as an ordained Elder or Deacon.

10th Minutes of proceeding read.

11th Adjourn.

**STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE
ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contributions of each church
Louisa -----	Bradley Worrix -----	4			1	1	1	4	112	2	\$ 125.00
Old Pond -----	Shelby Hill -----							4	69	2	125.00
Big Creek -----	Luther Smith -----	1						1	75	3	100.00
Raccoon -----	Marie Coleman -----							3	76	4	150.00
Peter Creek -----	Randy Smith -----		1				1	2	91	4	75.00
Sulphur Springs -----	Ronald Moore -----	1					2	1	50	1	65.00
Little Hope -----	Frank Ball -----	5							36	1	80.00
Grapevine -----	Olen May -----						1	1	21	3	50.00
Samaria -----	Leslie Hatfield -----	4					3	5	141	3	150.00
Little Union -----	Margie Lester -----	1						1	13	1	100.00
Johns Creek -----	Bonnie Rhodes -----		1					1	32	2	50.00
Calvary -----	Andrew Hunt -----		1		1		3		31	1	50.00
Dry Fork -----	Ruth Maynard -----	1						1	58	2	75.00
Friendship -----	Martin Childers -----								23	4	30.00
Columbus -----	Sandra Harris -----	3					2	3	77	4	75.00
Deerfield -----	Ernest Hager -----	3	6			6		1	57	4	100.00
Pleasant Hill -----	Greg Moore -----						8	1	23	1	60.00
New Hope -----	Stella Thacker -----	2		1			1		12	4	50.00
	TOTALS -----	25	9	1	2	7	22	29	997		\$1,510.00

MAP TO COON CREEK CHURCH

Long Fork
Road

Long Fork
Church

Coon Creek Church
Association Meeting

Route 23 N. →

Route #194

Route 1441

□ Williamson, W. Va. S. Route 119 →

119

N. Route 119 ←

Meta

Zebulon

□ Pikeville

Association Directions:

From Pikeville: Take Route 119 N. to Route 1441 (approx. 6 mi.). Take Route 1441 to Coon Creek Church (approx. 9 mi.)

From Williamson: Take Route 119 S. to Route 1441 (approx. 24 mi.). Take Route 1441 to Coon Creek Church (approx. 9 mi.)

Annual Directions:

From Pikeville: Take Route 119 N. to Route 194 at Meta (approx. 9 mi.) Take Route 194 for approx. 12 miles. Then take Long Fork Road for approx. 2 mi. to church.

From Williamson: Take Route 119 S. to Route 194 at Meta (approx. 19 mi.) Take Route 194 for approx. 12 miles. Then take Long Fork Road for approx. 2 mi.

